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✓Enclosure from: [redacted] E.O. 12356

Re: Please respond to [redacted] concern re U. S. Embassy actions taken in this case. (regarding child custody case of Timothy Stoen in Guyana.) and assistance from embassy. E.O. 12356

I forward the attached for your consideration.

Your report, in duplicate, along with the return of the enclosure will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Alan Cranston

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Please address envelope to:
Senator Alan Cranston
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Att: Emily Thurber

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Mr. Theodore Heavner, Dir.
Office of Caribbean Affairs
U.S. State Dept.
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir,

Recently I had the opportunity to hear Archbishop Dom Helder Camara of Northeastern Brazil, speak at the Governor's Prayer Breakfast here in California. He made some rather provocative comments about US involvement in supporting right-wing governments throughout Latin America. I didn't know whether to believe him or not at the time, but recently some of the activities of our government representatives in Guyana have made me wonder.

Richard McCoy, our Ambassador there appears to be assisting one of our citizens in an attempt to interfere with a matter that is out of its jurisdiction. This US citizen, Tim Stoen, claims to come to settle a custody case, at the insistance of a high Guyanese official. However their government denies this. In light of this and other reports about Mr. Stoen's taking telephone calls from US officials to lend weight to his case, why does our Ambassador feel it so important to support this kind of activity? And, how does he get the authority to interfere with Mr. Stoen's scheduled departure? I find Mr. McCoy's actions disturbing. Is this normal State Department procedure? And is it true that our State Department would imply to the Guyanese government that things would not go well for their citizens in this country if Mr. Stoen did not get his stay prolonged?

Mr. Heavner I thought this kind of cloak and dagger activity was limited to the movies. I certainly hope that it is. As a businessman and citizen of the United States I feel a concern for our relationship with countries outside our borders. Our continued growth as a leader in science and technology is dependent on a good relationship with our neighbors, and this is certainly one way to achieve it.

Sincerely,

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cc- E. Timenta, Guyana Desk; Subcommittee on International Relations Committee; Congressmen Phillip Burton & John Burton; and Senator A.C. [illegible]

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